

GOD IS...

One of the most frustrating and ignorant things that mankind can and will ever do is spend countless hours and years trying to figure out just Who [and in some cases, What] God is.

Some people have reduced the Creator of the Universe including everything we see and what we cannot see to an animal that they consider sacred, an idol being a Buddha, and for many others whatever they feel will give them strength, hope and the consolation necessary to get through their problems.

Around the world countless billions of dollars have been allocated to various religious and secular organizations that have been designated to find out who God IS and where He is. After years and decades of research these competent, intelligent and articulate people come to the same conclusion and that is *"We really can't figure Him out."*

They never came to the realization on their own that not only is *"God's ways past finding out,"* but He is just as elusive. As the mystery of who God IS surrounds us, the fact is that He is just as close to us as the next breath we will take.

Yes they can come up with a thesis, idea, theory or opinion of some of the things that point to God or something that God actually did. They may even have a concept in the back of their mind that supports and validates their view of God. However to find out about this Great God, they must go to the Source that reveals Him.

Refusing to go to and believe the Source which is the Word of God, when they are finished with all their observations and experiments the answer is the same, *"They just don't know."*

What must be realized is that the God we have come to know and love reveals Himself in so many ways; however it is very clear that we will never come to the place where we will fully *"Figure God out."*

We must therefore accept God for Who He is and accept the Biblical description of His character, His nature and His love for His prized creation – human beings - then by faith begin to incorporate this same mentality and righteous lifestyle as our own standard of living as servants of God.

If we will look closely at our surroundings and even take into account the findings of the geologists, historians and scientists, we will see the Hand of God in so many areas of life.

The fact that many of their findings have a scientific basis or foundation yet they cannot explain how the Universe actually began or functions shows that there is a Source of the very knowledge they are trying to attain that has greater knowledge than they will ever tap into.

Even with all our medical advances of the past few years and having the ability to prolong our lives, the doctors have not figured out how to keep people from ultimately dying. Again, the Source says, *"It's appointed unto man once to die and then to face Judgment."*

Knowing this, true wisdom would dictate the fact that the leaders of the world would be better off preparing people to face judgment and the God that Judges, rather than trying to figure out Who God IS.

Neither can doctors and scientists cause a seed to grow into a full blown human being with a character and nature all his or her own. Our understanding is that they have had some success in what is referred to as cloning animals, but they cannot give someone their own DNA, making them the unique individual that God intends.

Substituting the promises of God that say, *"It's appointed unto men once to die and after this to face judgment,"* and that God is the *"giver of life"* as well as the giver of eternal life; our generation has tried to play god and add as many years to our existence in the earth as they can. But what about their eternal futures?

While appeasing their own souls they have also succeeded in searing the conscience of the inhabitants of the world from the guilt of sin by telling them to eat, drink and be merry because tomorrow we die.

They also set up many laws that allow us to live below the Standard that God has set in His Word saying that certain lifestyles are not only tolerable, but accepted as moral and ethical as long as you are consenting and are a certain age.

While they continue in their deceptive ways, millions of people find an eternity in hell that is never quenched. Once they cross over into the next realm, they also find that the message of the Gospel that many of us Christians tried to articulate as best we can, was actually true. However by rejecting the simple process of salvation through Christ's blood, their eternal destination is sealed and they will forever forfeit the life that Christ came to freely give them.

In the Book of Job chapters 38 to 42, there are a series of questions that are presented to him that to this day, no one can answer.

With the billions of people living in the earth today and the billions more that have come through the earth, it would be different if someone knew the answer to even "one" question and another person knew the answer to a different question. Therefore, putting their wisdom together they would be able to settle at least some of these issues.

However, the wisest of the wise since the restoration of the earth in Genesis chapter one have not and still cannot answer even one of them. But God knows the answer to every one of them and this alone sets Him apart from every other created being.

In our pride and arrogance we have smoke-screened our true ignorance because we always want to know “*What’s going on*” and be in the loop of everything. But when it comes to God there are just some things that have been, are, and will remain hidden from the finite minds we have been graciously given.

This is the mystery of God. This is what makes God just Who He is. The authority and power that makes up the Creator of this vast universe will never be comprehended and it is in our best interest to accept the fact that being God He does not have to explain or reveal Himself to any of His created beings. He simply IS!

In the Book of Exodus chapter 3, there is a conversation that transpired between God and the deliverer of Israel, Moses that served to settle every fear that Moses was to have in approaching the most powerful man in the land of Egypt.

Like many of us in our day, we receive a mandate from the Master and we come up with what appear to be some very legitimate excuses. Legitimate, yes; but they are unwarranted and have no foundation when it comes to walking in the things God promised us and fulfilling the purpose for which we were born.

In Exodus chapter 3, the conversation went this way [NKJV]:

*Now Moses was **tending the flock** of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the **back of the desert**, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the Lord **appeared to him** in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. **So he looked**, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, “**I will now turn aside and see** this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”*

*4 So **when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look**, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”*

5 Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” 6 Moreover He said, “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

*7 And the Lord said: “I have surely **seen the oppression** of My people who are in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** because of their taskmasters, for I **know their sorrows**. 8 **So I have come down to deliver them** out of the hand of the Egyptians, and **to bring them up** from that land **to a good and large land**, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”*

*11 But Moses said to God, “Who **am I** that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”*

12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, '**I AM** has sent me to you.'" 15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

What must be realized is the fact that Moses was going about his daily affairs, minding his own business when his life was forever interrupted by this encounter with God. Although he was about eighty years old he was about to step into the very purpose for which he was born.

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